



A message to Carmel residents, Business Owners and Visitors:

While the City of Carmel administrative offices are closed today due to the severe weather emergency our area is experiencing, we are hard at work clearing the streets, providing public safety and utility services in order to keep you safe.

City employees were plowing main streets beginning at midnight Monday. At 5 a.m. this morning, the City's Director of Administration, Steve Engelking, Carmel's Police Chief, Mike Fogarty and the 911 Emergency Communications Center Director, Marvin Stewart were busy coordinating the plan of the day.

The Street Department crews, with the help of Carmel Utility workers and equipment, have 60 trucks available to clear Carmel's 388 miles of city streets (this does not include Keystone and US31, which fall under State Highways). Our Street Department has about 2,000 tons of salt on hand to be used by our 18 salt-spreader trucks. These employees are split into two 12-hour shifts so that there are crews on the streets 24-hours a day until the streets are cleared. As always, the main roads and secondary roads will be cleared first, and when the snow continues to fall, as it has today, we need to keep re-clearing these roads. Then the neighborhood streets will be cleared.

As always, our police, fire and ambulance crews are on duty 24 hours a day. The fire department has dedicated snow plows available to get safety crews to the scene of any incidents. So, if you have an emergency, call 911 as usual and our public safety workers will be there to help. If you have specific questions for the Street Department, their number is 733-2001. Utility employees are on standby for emergencies during this storm and can be reached through our 911 emergency communications center.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the hard-working and dedicated City employees that work hard every day, but put forth an extra effort during these emergency situations.

We appreciate your patience as we work to clear the streets and keep you safe. I welcome all your comments. Please feel free to email me at jbrainard@carmel.in.gov and share your thoughts.

Very truly yours,

Jim Brainard
Mayor of Carmel